

**MINUTES
KING PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee met in a regular session on Thursday, June 9, 2022. Present were: Chairman, Garry Merritt, Vice Chairman, Charles Helsabeck, Steve Roberson, Lynn Barr, and Parks and Recreation Director, Olivia Calloway.

Chairman, Garry Merritt, called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

OLD BUSINESS

Charles Helsabeck made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2022 regular meeting with the correction of tee ball field vote from “unanimously” to “5-1”. Steve Roberson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

The committee discussed the development of a recreational needs survey to determine needs and desires of the community in regards to recreation and parks operations. The committee developed questions and discussed strategies for distribution, including utilizing RecDesk emails, water bills, and an article in the Stokes News.

Parks and Recreation Director, Olivia Calloway, informed the committee of recent issues with picnic shelters – parties being held there and large amount of trash left behind, creating a mess and hindering others’ enjoyment of the facilities. The committee discussed potential solutions, including increased rental fees, security deposits, and increased staffing/volunteers to check facilities on weekends.

The committee discussed moving the handicap parking spaces at the Central Park Veteran’s Memorial parking lot. Currently, the spots are located directly in front of the gravel path leading down to the amphitheater field, but with the way the parking lot is graded, this trail gets washed out regularly and requires time consuming maintenance. Maintenance worker, Tyler Campbell, suggested moving the handicap spots to the other side of the memorial and fixing up the pathway on that side, which does not see the same water runoff. Charles Helsabeck made a motion that, barring any issues with regulation compliance, the handicap spots be moved to the right-hand side of the Veteran’s Memorial. Lynn Barr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN:

Steve Roberson made a motion that the monthly meetings of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee be moved to 6:00pm. Lynn Barr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

UPDATES ON PARKS

Parks and Recreation Director, Olivia Calloway, updated the committee on upcoming events, including Burgerfest, the Beach Music Concert, and 4th of July fireworks, and on facilities: the disc golf course is open for play, while the turf tee pads are constructed this summer, and a grand opening is tentatively planned for August.

ADJOURNMENT

Lynn Barr made a motion to adjourn. Steve Roberson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Olivia Calloway, Parks and Recreation Director